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MAN WHO KEEPS EVERYBODY'S EYE ON SCIENCE

By Peter London

One of the most fascinating diaries I have ever seen is one belonging to Raymond Baxter, B.B.C. commentator on TV and radio. In one recent period of eight days it contained the following entries:

The World of the Ultra Small, a programme about the electron microscope.

Motor Racing from Oulton Park.

Arrival of General de Gaulle at Victoria Station, London (morning).

Eye on Research series at Cambridge University Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory (evening).

They were notes of four typical jobs done by Raymond Baxter, the man who can describe a complex scientific experiment or the rousing finish of a car race with equal skill.

OFFICIALLY, Raymond Baxter is the B.B.C. Motoring Correspondent. In the past year or two, however, he has found a new field of work in TV's Eye on Research series. And he finds it fascinating.

"I am able to meet in the science series some of the most remarkable, stimulating, and inter-

away until I can get the essentials down on a postcard."

Raymond usually spends two days at the laboratory or college with the scientists concerned. These are no casual interviews. He stays with the men on the job, talking, asking questions, seeing things done, utterly absorbed in it all. Always on his mind is the thought that his job is to make the subject perfectly clear to millions of viewers who have little or no scientific knowledge or training. He is everybody's eye on science and research in a world of new wonders.

"The contrasts are often astonishing," he told me. "For example, on that programme about the electron-microscope we were dealing with objects magnified five million times—five million. Do you wonder my mind is always boggling?"

Behind the smiling, easy Baxter manner on the home screen lies a great deal of thought and preparation. Much of this is done while he is travelling—and he travels a great deal. He drives at least 30,000 miles a year on his various assignments, plus a lot of flying. He is famed for his commentaries on car racing events, and that he has first-hand knowledge of it is shown by the fact that he takes part in the Monte Carlo Rally every year.

Somebody once called Baxter "the happy child of the mechanical age" for he so obviously enjoys the cars, planes, and scientific apparatus with which his working life is filled.

"I enjoyed science at school and my father was a science master."

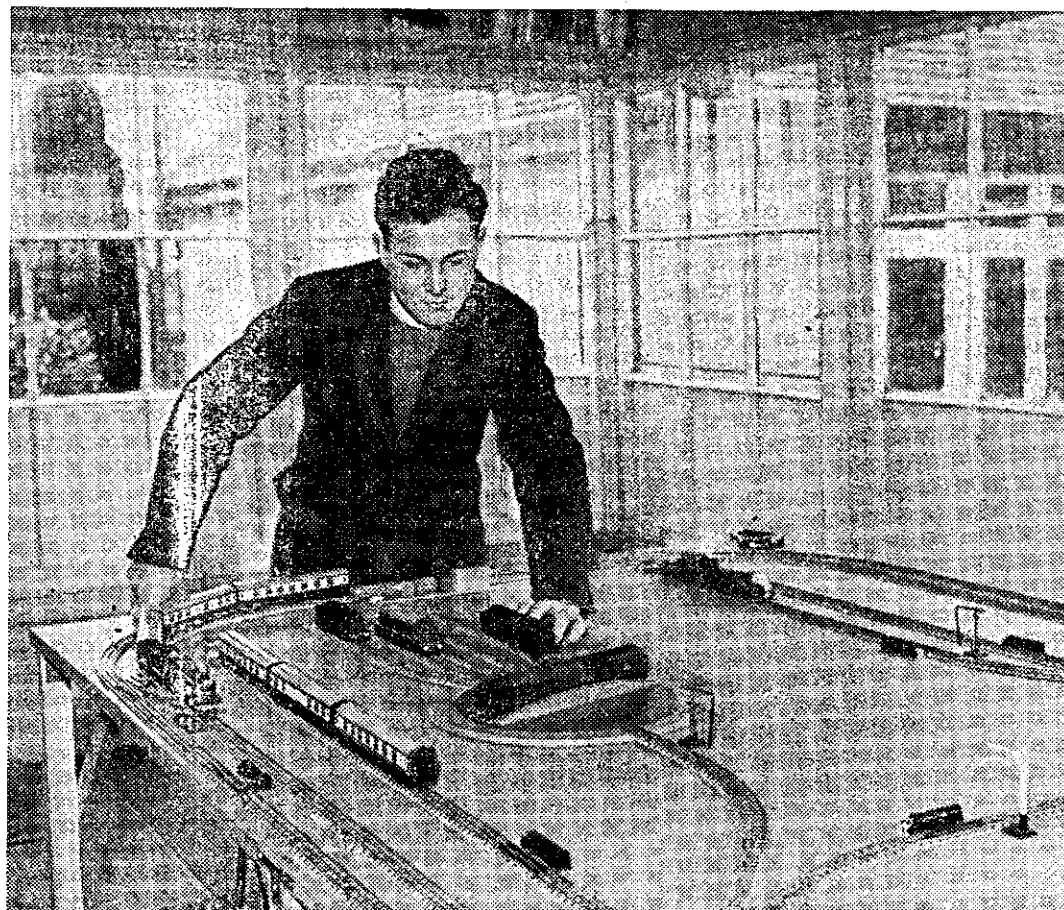
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esting men alive today," he says. "The things they tell me cause my imagination to boggle, to use the old phrase. In fact I am in a perpetual state of boggle—and I thoroughly enjoy every minute of it.

"I naturally have to do a lot of homework on all the science programmes," he added. "I read about the subject, and I go and talk to the people concerned. Most of it is done by talking to people. Then I sit down quietly and write down the substance of the programme on a postcard. If the points I want to make cannot be made in that space, then I work

RAILWAY IN A SIGNAL BOX



Model line in model home

What better place could there be for a fine model railway than a signal box? Winston Cole, of Tendring near Clacton, heard that the signal box at Great Bentley, on the Colchester-Clacton line, was no longer needed owing to the electrification of the system. So he bought the box and after spending a year of his spare time in dismantling it, having it carried home, and re-erecting it in his garden, became the proud owner of an ideal home for his well-equipped model railway.



Adrift for five weeks on the Timor Sea

To be lost at sea for five weeks and then to reach land and still be completely lost—that has been the harrowing experience of a young Indonesian woman, Anika Lotti. Her story came to light recently, when she was found by Aborigines on desolate Bathurst Island, off the north coast of Australia.

Anika's grim adventure began when she and 21 other Indonesians lightheartedly boarded a fishing boat at Koepang, Timor Island, for a five-hour trip to the neighbouring island of Roti.

They had been sailing for barely an hour when disaster overtook them; a gale swept their mast away and left them drifting helplessly across the Timor Sea, in a boat only 20 feet long. Their

only food was a limited supply of uncooked rice soaked in brackish water, and twelve of the party died of starvation, thirst, or dysentery.

After five terrible weeks at sea the survivors saw land, and came ashore on a coast that seemed utterly wild and deserted. After a time Anika became separated from her companions and got lost in the bush. The others wandered on for over a week and then were fortunate enough to reach a remote mission station.

Anika was reported missing, and police came across from Darwin on the mainland to look for her. For three weeks they searched; then at last an Aborigine hunter found her, still alive, and fetched his fellow tribesmen to the spot.

Poor Anika, near to starvation, was terrified on finding herself surrounded by these strange, primitive people, but they soon allayed her fears, and took good care of her. They gave her some of their own small supplies of tinned meat and milk. Then they gently placed her on a stretcher made of boughs, and carried her 60 miles in four days and nights to the mission station. On the way they killed a kangaroo to give her the first fresh meat she had tasted since leaving home more than eight weeks before.

Anika was flown by aerial ambulance to Darwin, thin and weak, but able to walk without help—a tough young woman, indeed.

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Nations debate fishing rights

With the calling of another Law of the Sea conference at Geneva—the second in two years—the dispute over the breadth of territorial waters is in the news again.

Here the C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent sketches the background to this “battle of the Three-Mile Limit” which has been engaging more than 80 nations at the Swiss headquarters of the United Nations during the past month.

THE phrase “territorial waters” gets its meaning from “territory,” which in turn means land or country. A country with a coastline and beaches, like Britain, is called a littoral country (from the Latin *litus*, seashore). The sea that washes the shores of such a country is the territorial sea.

At one time nations laid claim to whole seas and oceans. The Adriatic, for instance, was claimed by Venice, the so-called “British Seas” by Britain, the Baltic by Sweden, while Spain and Portugal shared the whole Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans.

These claims were increasingly challenged as trading rivalry grew and it was not until around the year 1700 that the principle of the freedom of the seas was established. At the same time, the idea prevailed that a strip of coastal waters should be under the control of the littoral country.

Three Mile Limit

In more recent times the problem has arisen of how wide or narrow the coastal strip should be. In general the world has accepted a breadth of three miles—the famous Three Mile Limit. But the whole question has been thrown into confusion by the oddities of coastlines and the haunts of fish.

First let us see how the Three Mile Limit originated. In 1703 a Dutch lawyer put forward the theory that “the dominion of the land ends where the power of its arms ends.” This really meant that a country's control of its coastal waters extended as far as its guns could fire. In those days a cannon's extreme range was thought to be about three miles. This has been held to be the source of the rule.

Britain has been the chief champion of the Three Mile Limit against countries such as Russia, Spain, and Italy, who claimed wider belts.

The width of territorial waters is measured from low-water mark. But where should the line be drawn in the case of deep bays or inlets? The last Law of the Sea conference in 1958 extended the limit in such cases to 24 miles. The question of certain “historic” semi-closed waters, such as the Hudson Bay, has been reserved for further study.

Nine-year-old dispute

In recent years some Latin American countries have been claiming exclusive rights over seas within 200 miles from their shores.

The difficult question of fishing rights has come to a head with the nine-year-old dispute between Britain and Iceland. Waters within a country's Three (or Four) Mile Limit are, until the law is altered, the exclusive preserve of that country. No other country can fish inside them.

But Iceland claims exclusive control over a 12-mile belt. This claim has been disputed by Britain, even to the extent of sending small warships to protect British trawlers from Icelandic gunboats.

The question being decided at Geneva is whether, once a limit to territorial waters is agreed on, there should be another belt of water outside it in which all countries should be allowed to fish in peace. But Iceland depends on fishing for a living and does not want any of its waters overfished.

It is all very complex and we can take it that this will not be the last Law of the Sea conference in our time.

EXCITING HOLIDAYS FOR CADETS

R.A.F. and Army cadets will be travelling far and wide this Easter. Nineteen are flying to Benghazi for a 500-mile motor expedition across the Libyan desert to the Kufra oasis. Seventy-five from R.A.F. College, Cranwell, are flying to the United States to visit the famous West Point Military Academy, and to see other U.S. Service centres in the Rocky Mountains and Omaha. This party will also inspect the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Other cadets are to be the guests of the Home and Mediterranean Fleets, and of British Army units in Germany.

Cadet mountaineers are going to the Alps, potholers are going underground in Eire, photography enthusiasts are to tour the Scilly and Channel Islands and Eire as well, and two hopeful monster-spotters are off to Loch Ness! Among the young men's other holiday activities will be skiing, sailing, and a “toughening-up” course in Wales.

But at least one cadet will be spending a more restful holiday. He is to be the guest of a barge family travelling on the canals of central England.

Everybody's eye on science

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he told me, “so I suppose I have a background of the subject. I went straight from school into the wartime R.A.F., became a fighter pilot and saw service in Africa, France, and the Mediterranean.”

He planned to go into civil flying after the war but that proved impossible, so he got himself posted to the Forces Radio Network in Hamburg.

“What a fine training that was,” he said. “We had to do the lot—announcing, interviewing, commenting, disc-jockeying. Then I was lucky again in getting into the B.B.C. western region and then to London Outside Broadcasts. My first TV? A two-minute interview spot in the pits at the Wembley Speedway championship.”

His smelly sports

It is a standard B.B.C. joke that all mechanical sporting events are referred to as “Raymond's smelly sports,” a label pinned on his job by radio's Head of Outside Broadcasts, Mr. Max-Muller.

“Now they are calling the Eye on Research television series ‘Raymond's smelly science programmes.’ I'm always mixed up with ‘stinks,’” he says cheerfully.

He married an American nurse whom he met during the war and they have a girl and a boy. To Raymond's delight, his son, aged nine, has declared his ambition to become a scientist. “We bought him a microscope for his birthday,” Raymond told me. “He was very pleased but, I must admit, a little disappointed that he couldn't see germs with it.”

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Princess Margaret's wedding day, 6th May, will be a holiday for schools throughout Britain.

Suffolk has more thatched houses than any other county in England, states the Rural Industries Bureau.

Jersey had more sunshine than anywhere else in the British Isles last year—a record 2,290 hours.

A radio-telephone conversation between a Brighton (Sussex) schoolboy and a schoolgirl in Brighton (Melbourne) 13,000 miles away was a feature of the recent Australian trade fair at Brighton.

Four new Vickers Viscounts taken over by Austrian Airlines have been named after the composers, Haydn, Anton Bruckner, Schubert, and Johann Strauss.

His weight in fish

Fishing in the Darling River, N.S.W., a boy hooked a 70 lb. Murray cod—only three pounds less than his own weight. His father and brother helped him land it.

A London music teacher, Mrs. C. Kernot, has won the £1,000 competition for a tune for the new Nigerian National Anthem. Her music was selected from 3,693 entries.

A halibut over six feet long was recently landed at Lossiemouth, Morayshire. It fetched 15 guineas.

A French frogman swam more than 600 miles down the Rhine in 18 days.

THEY SAY . . .

YOUNG people today are the heirs to the greatest fund of knowledge and the most opulent store of material advantages any generation ever received.

President Eisenhower

Finding the trouble



An Army Warrant Officer with a mine-detector, searching Oswald the ostrich for suspicious metal objects. Oswald, belonging to Chester Zoo, had been refusing food and was suspected of swallowing something even an ostrich could not digest.



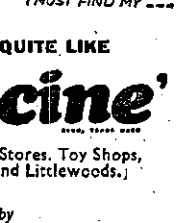
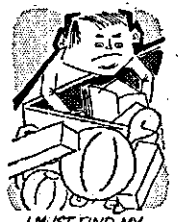
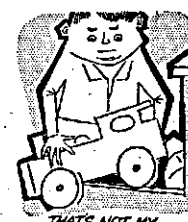
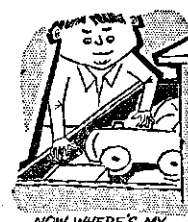
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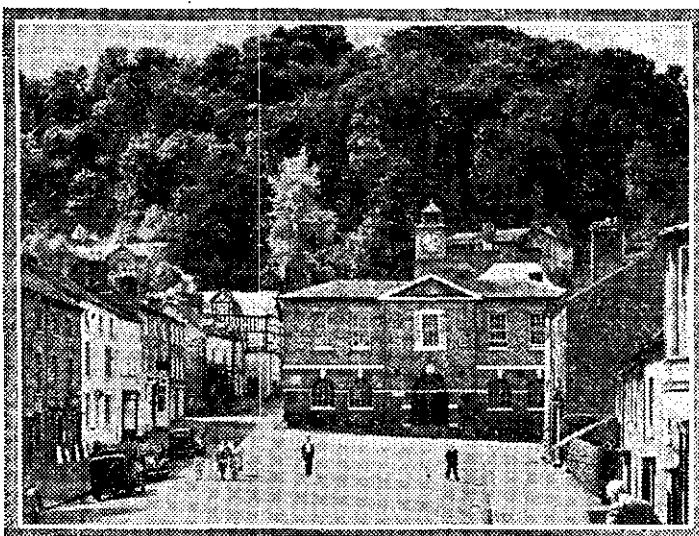
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FAIR PLAY FOR DUNCES

Speaking at the House of Lords the other day Viscount Esher made a plea for dunces. The poet Yeats, he recalled, could not learn to read as a child. The philosopher, Herbert Spencer, could not pass his examination into Oxford. Charles Darwin was the despair of his parents. Maurice Baring, who knew four languages, was refused by the Foreign Office because he could not do long division.

Lord Esher also reminded the Peers that Sir Winston Churchill had been a backward boy. "He is our great leader—the leader of the dunces," said Lord Esher. "Proof enough I think that they should not be bullied and harried and frustrated as they are in these days."

Postman's Puzzles

"Eight million wrong 'uns every day." That is the title of a recent G.P.O. poster; the "wrong 'un" referred to is a faulty address—one lacking the street number, postal district, town, or county, or one so badly written as to be unreadable.

The Post Office is afflicted with eight million problems of this kind every day. The wrong 'uns hold up the mail, and cause a tremendous loss of valuable time.

Dog that found his mistress

When Brenda Lomax of Kearsley, Lancashire, was taken to hospital her dog, Prince, missed her so much that he set out to find her.

After walking four miles he was caught by nurses as he padded up the hospital corridor towards Brenda's ward.

The nurses recognised the name on the dog's collar as that of one of their young patients, so he was



taken to the ward for a very brief visit and naturally his mistress was overjoyed to see him.

Brenda, who is eleven, is now making satisfactory progress. But her family are still wondering how Prince found his way to the hospital.

Digging for a Roman town in Gloucestershire

A six weeks' search for remains of the great Roman township of Corinium, on the site of the Gloucestershire town of Cirencester, is in full swing.

This is a "rescue dig," sponsored by the Society of Antiquaries. It has to be finished before new building work begins in the area.

The excavation is to extend over nine acres of the Abbey fields, for Corinium was one of the biggest towns of Roman Britain, and some remarkable discoveries made in the past indicate that large and important buildings must have existed on the site to be examined. The work is something of a race against time and volunteer helpers are being called for.

TV SCIENCE CLASSES

A popular weekly feature of TV broadcasts from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is a science programme in which a teacher and a group of students carry out experiments with improvised apparatus.

The programme is seen by teachers and pupils in all parts of the country and a special feature is a popular contest "Scientists of Tomorrow." Science kits are given as prizes for pupils submitting interesting but simple experiments.

BUILDING AN AIRCRAFT UPSTAIRS



For about 18 months Mr Ken Turner, of Bristol, has been spending his spare time on building an aircraft in a room above his garage. He hopes to finish his plane, a single-seater Turbulent, this Summer.

Police protection for birds

Police protection is being given to a pair of sea-eagles now nesting in Denmark. The first pair to nest in that country for many years, these eagles have made their home in a wood in Southern Zealand. Ornithologists are keeping the nesting-place a secret from all except the police, who will be on the lookout for egg-collectors or other unwelcome visitors.

MORE NEPHEWS FOR UNCLE SAM

Twenty-five orphans at the Forest Side Home in Epping are to be "adopted" by American airmen at the U.S.A.F. base at Wethersfield, Essex.

The children went to a big Christmas party at the base and created such a good impression that the airmen now want to play the part of good uncles and have a share in looking after them all the year round.

Bill and his new camera



Bill's new camera is a birthday present from Dad.

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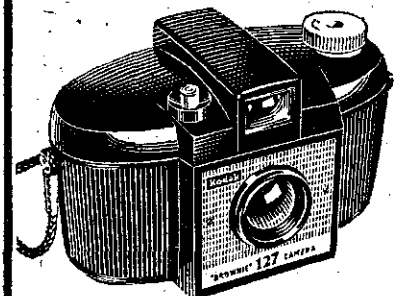
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Dan was the biggest baby in Texas

It will soon be goodbye to *Cheyenne* on ATV on Sundays. I hear that these popular stories will be replaced on Sunday, 8th May, by a new Western series called *Bonanza*. Set in the 1850s, *Bonanza* features the proud and stubborn Cartwright family—Ben and his sons, Adam, Hoss, and Little Joe—fighting for their

of five, he weighed seven stone. At the age of ten he could outdo the physical feats of grown men working the grain trucks. At twelve, when he joined the Texas Military Institute, he weighed 14 stone and was six feet tall.

Dan took up acting after being given a non-speaking part in a college production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. They needed a boy strong enough to carry heavy bodies up from the basement.

You have probably seen Dan in *Cheyenne* and *Maverick*. He stopped growing at six feet four inches and stays around 20 stone.



Dan Blocker as Hoss

claims in the development of the Wild West territories.

The outstanding character, Hoss, will be played by Dan Blocker. Born on 10th December, 1932, Dan was said to be the biggest baby in Texas. He weighed 14lb. When he started school, at the age

THE STORY OF GOOD FRIDAY

A GOOD FRIDAY TV programme of unusual interest is ATV's *The News of Good Friday* at 6.10 p.m. on 15th April.

Julian Grenfell, former President of the Cambridge Union, takes the part of a Jerusalem TV correspondent as he might have gone about his task at the time of the Crucifixion. The Bible story will be presented by introducing Scriptural characters talking as if they were taking part in a present-day television interview. Eyewitnesses will give their impressions.

SLEEPING BEAUTY BALLET

YOUNG viewers have a chance next Sunday to catch up with a beautiful ballet version of *The Sleeping Beauty*. Starring Margot Fonteyn and Michael Somes, it was first televised by the B.B.C. on 20th December at 9.35 p.m.—too late for many children.

Now it is to be repeated in Junior TV. It is based on the

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by
Ernest Thomson

original fairy story by the 17th-century French author, Charles Perrault, who popularised so many of our fairy stories. With splendid music by Tchaikovsky, *The Sleeping Beauty* has been a favourite classic ballet for 70 years. Margot Fonteyn dances as Princess Aurora, with Michael Somes as Prince Florimund. Also in the cast is the brilliant young dancer Lucette Aldous seen in



the picture as the Lilac Fairy.

Margaret Dale's Christmas production was watched on Eurovision by many countries on the Continent.

Story that will follow your wishes

LISTENERS can take a hand in guiding the course of Investigator Steve Conroy in the B.B.C. Children's Hour Five-Day Special which begins next Monday. Called *Dangerous Assignment*, and written by Geoffrey Morgan, it is another in the series of one-week serials which are proving very popular.

This time Producer Graham Gauld wants listeners to send off postcards within a few minutes of the end of each instalment. They must be in the B.B.C.'s hands by first post next morning. When the story finishes for the day, two or three courses will be open to Conroy on the following night. He will take the one voted for by the majority of postcards.

Monday's instalment is *A Call for Conroy*. Then follows *Man in the Train*, *High Peril*, *Embassy Trip*, and *Final Reckoning*. What that reckoning will be depends on your vote. Send your postcard to Children's Hour (*Dangerous Assignment*), B.B.C., London, W.1.

WEATHER MEN IN THE WINDOW

THE only public broadcasting "studio" in the country is now to be seen any morning around 8.55 a.m. in Kingsway, London. Passers-by can watch the "Met" men broadcasting "Your Holiday Weather" to the B.B.C. Light Programme from a special studio in the Meteorological Office, which has a large window overlooking the street.

When the studio is on the air a sign goes up: "Broadcast in Progress." The speakers are easily recognisable. They are J. J. Armstrong, T. M. Davies, W. J. Bruce, N. Ellis, T. Kelly, and K. Pollard.

THE CHILDREN GOT IN THE WAY

JIM POPE, producer for Associated-Rediffusion, has brought back some amusing stories of his unit's experiences while filming recently in Italy and Sicily for *Romano the Peasant*. This is the new serial to follow the Francis Storm series on Tuesdays. Starting date is 3rd May.

In one Italian village, says Jim Pope, the children crowded round the microphones, making such a noise that filming had to stop. Then the production assistant had

a brilliant idea. She ran down the street throwing sweets and chocolates all over the place. That kept them away from the mikes and cameras—until the sweets were finished!

The inhabitants of another village had to be bribed before agreeing to be filmed. They accepted 17 sacks of cement. The television party travelled by almost every known method of transport—plane, boat, bus, car, taxi, and donkey cart.

Three young musicians from Leeds

THREE girl soloists from Leeds are to take part with the B.B.C. Midland Orchestra in John Hunter Blair's *Young Musicians* programme in B.B.C. Junior TV next Tuesday (19th April).

Our picture shows Maureen Smith (13), who will play the first movement of Bach's A Minor violin concerto. Maureen is at Allerton High School, Leeds, and so is Elizabeth Brown, who is to play the opening movement of Beethoven's Third piano concerto.

Nicola Grunberg (16) has already played the piano in B.B.C. Junior TV. This time she will be heard in the Finale of the same Beethoven concerto, which she and Elizabeth Brown have been studying together. They are both pupils of Fanny Waterman, a well-known Leeds music teacher.

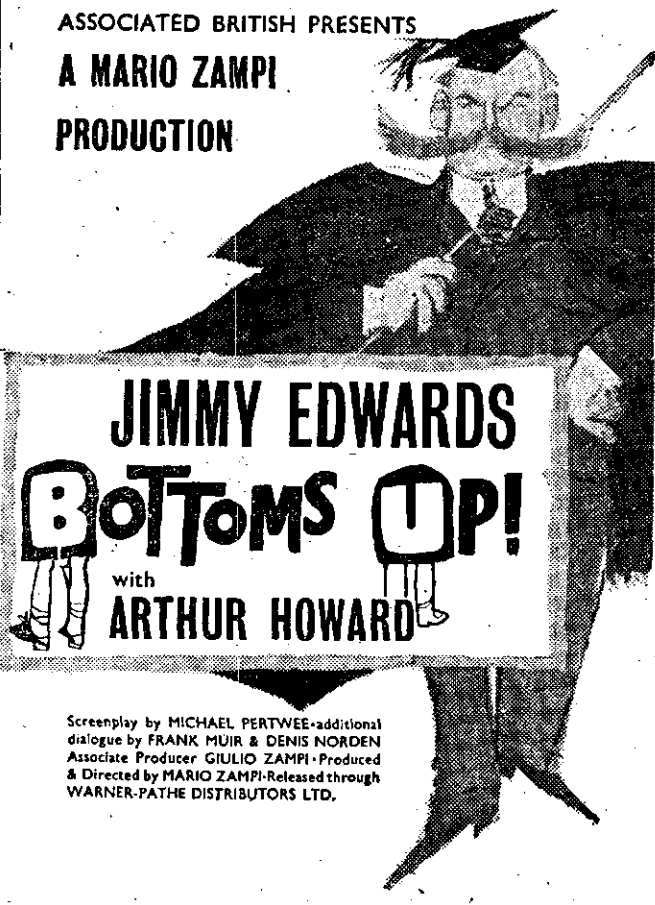
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WATERSIDE WARBLERS

THERE are four species of warbler associated with water in the British Isles. One, the sedge warbler, is widespread and common in suitable places. Another, the grasshopper warbler, is equally widespread but a good deal less common, and is associated with marshy places rather than actual watersides.

The third, the reed warbler, is locally common in England and Wales, especially in the south, but absent from both Scotland and Ireland. The fourth, the marsh warbler, is much the rarest, for it is found only in a few scattered spots in the southern half of England.

The sedge warbler is an attractive little brown bird, with dark streaks on its upperparts, paler on its underparts and easily recognised by the conspicuous whitish stripe over its eye. Very vocal, it has a loud, clear song with many contrasting notes, both sweet and harsh, all jumbled up and often mixed in with notes mimicked from other birds.



The sedge warbler at home

John Markham

I have records in my own notes of the sedge warbler mimicking the blackbird, swallow, house sparrow, chaffinch, nuthatch, yellow wagtail, linnet, tree sparrow, lapwing, house martin and (in Finland) greenshank. I expect other bird-watchers could add many more.

Sedge warblers frequent places where coarse, rank vegetation grows up over bushes and hedges, usually fairly near water, such as fens, reed-beds, and the margins of lakes and ponds, rivers and streams. They build their nests among nettles, sedges, and in low bushes or hedges, rarely more than four feet from the ground.

The reed warbler, which the beginner most often confuses with the sedge warbler, has in fact several marked differences. It is a plain brown bird, not marked darker above, and with no eye-stripe; but it has a whitish throat (though not as white as a white-throat's). Its song is much more even than a sedge warbler's, and contains a good deal less mimicry. Typically, it sounds like two pebbles being rubbed together.

The habitat of the reed warbler is much more restricted than that of the sedge; it much prefers reed-beds of the common reed, *Phragmites communis*. It does occasionally frequent other waterside vegetation, however, and has been known to nest in shrubs in gardens at some distance from water.

The nest of the reed warbler is very distinctive, being cup-shaped and normally attached to the stems of reeds. Both reed and sedge warblers are among the commonest victims of the cuckoo, and by the time the young cuckoo is full-grown, it is bigger than the warbler's nest it sits on!

Baffling the experts

The marsh warbler is a difficult bird for the beginner to distinguish; it is so like the reed warbler that even experienced ornithologists prefer to hear it sing before identifying it for certain. It has a louder and more musical song than either the reed or sedge warbler, and is even more of a mimic, incorporating such excellent imitations of other song birds that even experts find it hard to tell the difference. You are not likely to come across the marsh warbler except in parts of Dorset and Somerset and the lower Severn valley, though it has bred in other parts of southern England.

The grasshopper warbler is a little streaked brown bird that is seldom seen, but makes its presence known by a curious song which consists of a rapid ticking sound, much more like an angler's reel or a loud free-wheel on a bicycle than any other British bird—or for that matter any British grasshopper. It frequents heathy and bushy places, both dry and damp, and is often found in fens, marshes, and osier beds.

RICHARD FITTER



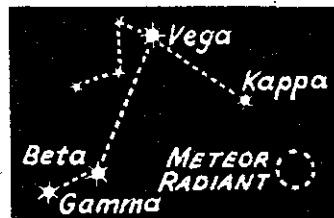
The reed warbler

Eric Hosking

LOOK OUT FOR THE LYRID METEORS

THE famous Lyrid Meteors are expected to be seen shooting across the sky in the course of next week. Most meteors are anticipated during the nights of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the latter promising the maximum display, providing it occurs during darkness and the sky is clear.

These meteors, or "shooting stars" as they are popularly



known, should be looked for rather low in the north-east sky during late evening and in the absence of bright artificial lights. The later they are looked for, the more are likely to be observed, because the region of the sky from which they appear to come will be at a higher altitude and will veer round toward the south-east as the night progresses.

This stream of meteors appears to come from a region of the

LOOKING AT THE SKY

heavens represented by the stars of Lyra, the Lyre, the chief star of this constellation being the brilliant Vega. This will be easily identified from the accompanying star-map, and also the region from which the meteors appear to radiate, the *Meteor Radiant*.

These meteors are therefore known as Lyrids to distinguish them from other streams such as the Perseids, which come in August. These streams of meteors do not come from the stars themselves, however, for they are, in fact, part of our Solar System.

The Lyrid Meteors are particularly interesting because they were once part of the Great Comet of 1861. It came very close to the Earth in that year, so close in fact that our world was believed to have passed through the comet's tail. Every year since then the Earth has crossed this comet's path and entered the stream of meteors which follow in its wake.

The meteors are not seen as "streaks of light" until they have

been drawn into the Earth's atmosphere, for it is their friction with the air, due to their great speed, which causes them to become heated and incandescent. They are usually about 70 miles above the Earth's surface when this happens and remain visible for only a second or two.

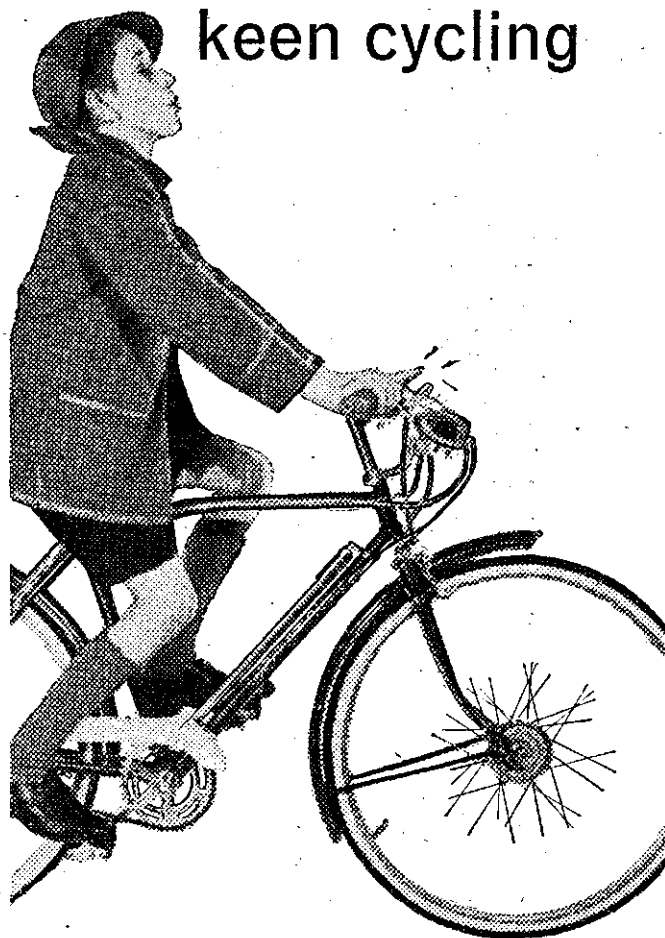
The dust from the consumed meteors eventually falls to the ground and gradually becomes part of our world. The amount of meteoric material obtained from a single meteor would probably amount to no more than the weight of a grain of sand or a small pea.

Ordinary meteors are usually burnt out by the time they reach a height of some 30 to 40 miles above us, but larger ones that appear brighter will travel farther through the atmosphere and sometimes even reach the ground with a large portion unconsumed.

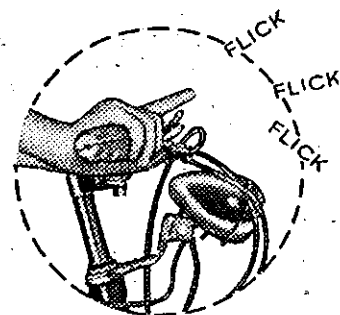
Numbers of these are subsequently found, when they are known as *meteorites*. They are usually metallic and crystalline but many of these large ones are stony and not likely to be part of the residue of a comet, as are the Lyrids.

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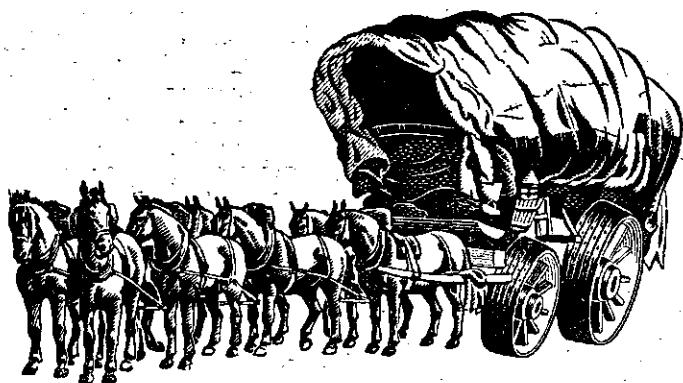
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ACTORS ON THE ROAD

Aidan And The Strollers, by Frederick Grice (Cape, 13s. 6d.)

IN the early part of last century bands of strolling players provided practically the only theatrical entertainment to be seen outside the big cities. With programmes that ranged from juggling acts to scenes from Shakespeare, performed in makeshift theatres, the casts were versatile vagabonds who turned their hands to any task as they moved from town to town. It was such a company that young Aidan Bute joined when he ran away from home—a strange prelude to his eventual return as lord of the manor.

COCKNEY FAMILY

Magnolia Buildings, by Elizabeth Stuncley (Bodley Head, 12s. 6d.)

THERE was not much elbow room at No. 49 The Buildings, but it was home to Mum and Dad, the four children, and wispy little Auntie Glad. All kinds of adventures befall this South London family, but with the indomitable Mum always firmly in command everything turns out all right in the end. It is a cheery tale of present-day Cockneys as they really are.

ADVENTURE AFLOAT

The Greek Boat Mystery, by M. Pardoe (Hodder & Stoughton, 12s. 6d.)

READERS who have already enjoyed a Dutch cruise with Mary Gray and the Barnard boys will gladly sign on as shipmates for this fresh voyage from Venice to Athens. Mystery, adventure, thrills, and action are all packed into a fortnight, and what more lovely setting for them than the sun-drenched isles of Greece?

BALLET BEGINNERS

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SCHOOLBOY Noel's examination results promise a brilliant future, so when he says he wants to be a ballet dancer his guardian is flabbergasted. "The ideal! A nonsensical suggestion!" he exclaims.

Noel's friend Colleen has a similar problem. Her parents want her to become a shorthand typist. The youngsters' adventures in achieving their ambitions make this a lively tale.

DESERT MISSION

Secret In The Sahara, by Robert J. Hoare (Parrish, 10s. 6d.)

THAT famous crime-reporter Graham Roberts of the *Evening Globe* thinks he is going to have a nice quiet holiday in North Africa with his friend Chick. But it begins with some strange happenings, and leads on to hair-raising adventures during a trip into the Sahara. By the time they have unravelled the sinister affair Robby and Chick feel that they will be glad to get back to the peace and quiet of London.

AMONG NEW NEIGHBOURS

New Town, by Noel Streatfeild (Collins, 10s. 6d.)

FOR the Bell family it is a momentous event when the Bishop appoints father to another parish. It means leaving the old familiar vicarage for one of the new towns, where everything is completely different from the London surroundings they have known so long. This story of the family adjusting itself to a new home among new neighbours will appeal especially to the host of young listeners who have come to know the Bells so well on radio.

FAR AFIELD WITH THE EXPLORERS

They Found The World, by Willis Hall and I. O. Evans (Warne, 10s. 6d.)

NO tales of adventure are more enthralling than the true stories of pioneers who have gone out into the unknown parts of the Earth. These accounts of historic journeys across unmapped deserts and jungles, oceans, and polar wastes, extend from the days of Alexander the Great to the recent crossing of Antarctica by the Commonwealth expedition.

MYSTERY IN THE MINES

Mystery At Bracken Dale, by Barbara Tutton (Nelson, 7s. 6d.)

IT was wildly exciting for the three Lee children to be off to Bracken Dale, in the Peak District; holidays there, on Aunt Helen's farm, were always so full of adventure. The prospects seemed even brighter after talking on the train to a stranger about the lead mines in the area. But as he left them he warned the children to "keep away from them if you value your safety." This sinister remark served only to add to their interest...

HIGH JINKS AT SCHOOL

Jeanette's First Term, by Alice Lunt (Dent, 12s. 6d.)

JEANETTE and Agnes approach the first term at their new school with some apprehension. Jeanette in particular is worried, for her friend's habit of indulging in madcap escapades has often landed them in hot water. But it is in cold water that they land within a few minutes of reaching the new school, and this is the first of many amusing episodes during that eventful first term. Young Agnes' japes always keep the fun rolling.

MIRTH MAKERS

Seven Men Of Wit, by Margaret J. Miller (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.)

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ANIMALS WHICH STOLE A HOLIDAY

Escape To The Downs, by Hester Knight (Faber, 12s. 6d.)

A SHEPHERD pony, which borrows a cart and takes its friends up to see what things are like on top of the Downs, makes an unusual hero. But the author tells her light-hearted story so well that the temptation to read on is irresistible.

The pony's friends, the Peke and the guinea-pigs, the Indian Mynah bird, and the hen, are thoughtfully provided with the right things to eat for the journey. But the adventures they encounter, though perfectly credible, are quite enough to try even the strongest pony's nerves.

FRIENDS IN INDIA

Rishi, by Taya Zinkin (Methuen, 12s. 6d.)

THIS charming tale about an English boy's childhood in India is told by an author who knows the country intimately, and has a gift for bringing places and people to life. Readers will feel they have made new friends in Abdul the bearer—self-appointed nurse to Rishi—and in several of the other Indians who play a big part in the little boy's life. For Rishi himself, India is home, and the reader will share his regret when he departs for school in England.

Other recommended books

UNDERWATER LIFE OF THE BRITISH ISLES, written and illustrated by A. W. Darnell (Ward Lock, 12s. 6d.). A handy book for young naturalists, with several colour plates.

INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUNG MODEL-MAKERS, by Guy R. Williams (Museum Press, 12s. 6d.). A fine how-to-make book.

MAKE YOUR OWN MODEL RAILWAY TRACK, by Kenneth F. Gee (Nelson, 6s.).

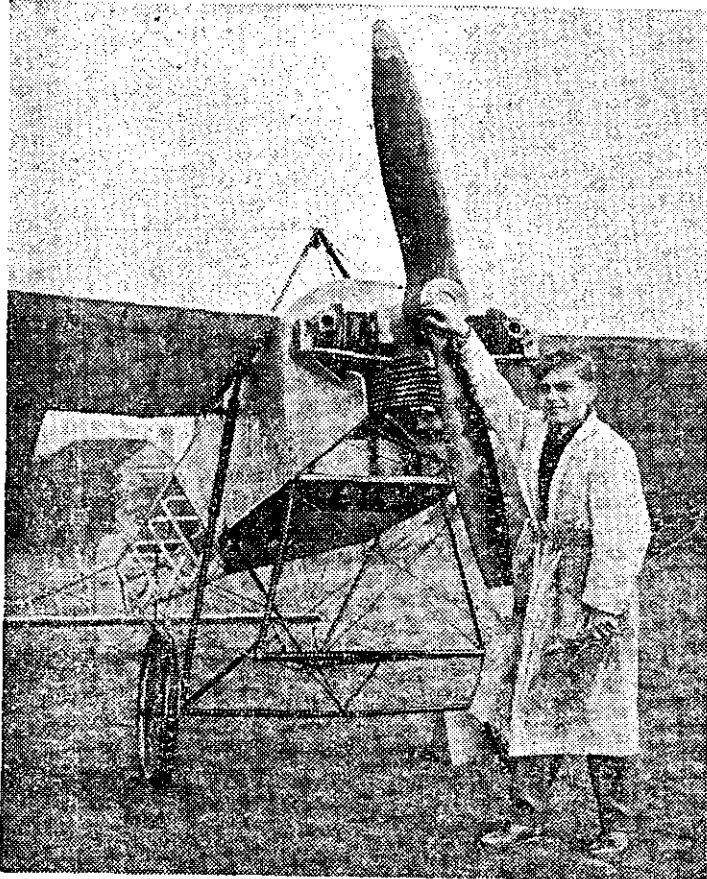
ROAD BUILDER, by Eric Leyland and illustrated by B. Gerry (Edmund Ward, 9s. 6d.). A concise account of an all-important engineering job—from start to finish.

GOING TO LONDON, by Anthony Weymouth (Phoenix House, 10s. 6d.). A handy guide for all visitors to the capital.

THE REAL BOOK OF SHIPS, by Irvin Block, with a chapter on Fighting Ships by Rear-Admiral H. E. Horan, R.N., C.B., D.S.C., and illustrations by Manning Lee (Dobson, 10s. 6d.).

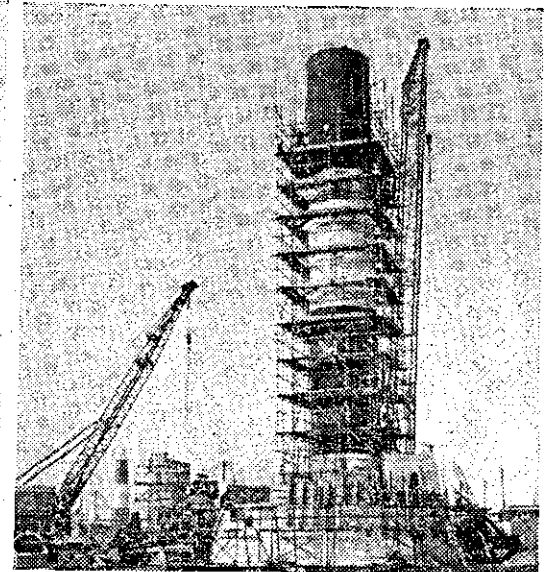
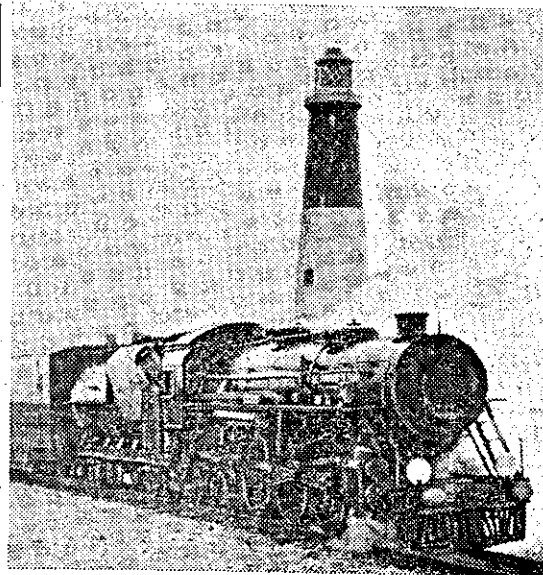
THE BOOK OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY, by D. M. Turner (Harrop, 15s.). The fascinating story of the way Science has aided human welfare, and the great advance in knowledge since pre-war days.

Out and about with the cameramen



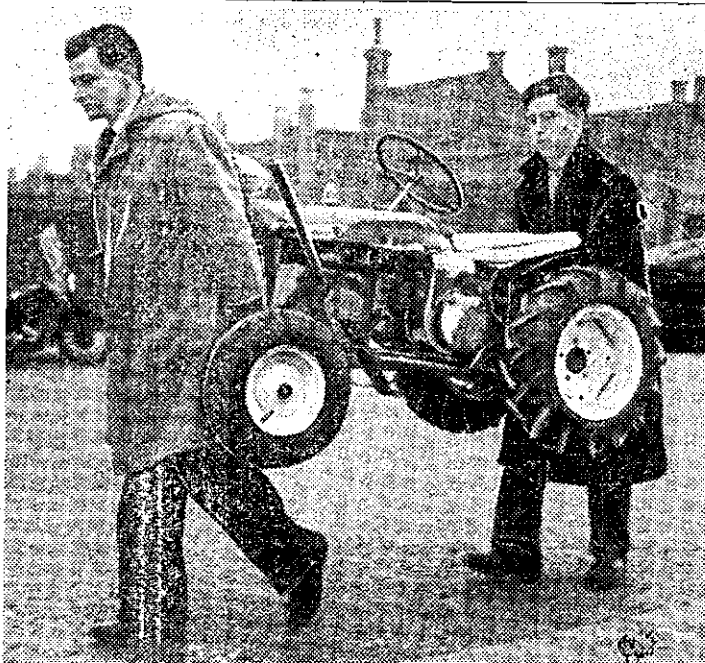
Boy builds vintage plane

Anthony Bianchi, of Ashford Green, Middlesex, has built himself a Vickers monoplane, of 1912 vintage, from blueprints supplied by the firm. The machine was constructed at White Waltham airfield, Anthony doing all the woodwork and father helping with the welding.



The old lighthouse and the new

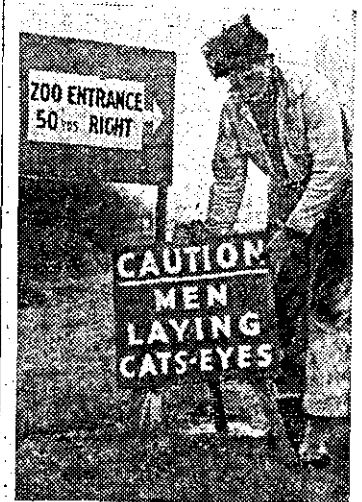
The old Dungeness Lighthouse, which stands beside the track of the popular Hythe-Dungeness model railway, is being superseded by a new one seen here under construction.



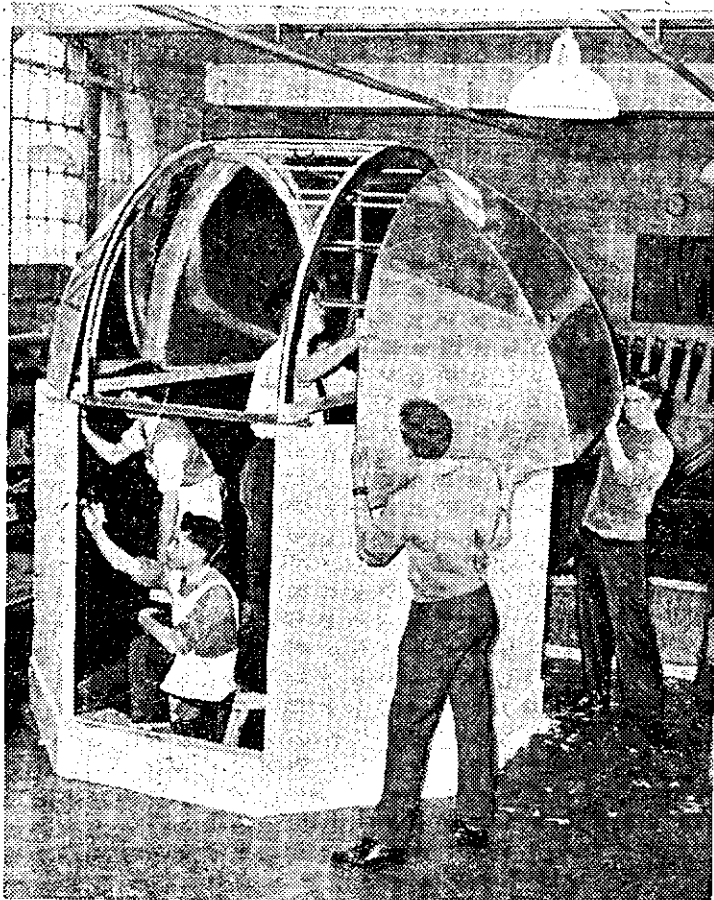
Tractor two can carry

This tiny tractor weighs only 305 lb. and is called the Wheel-horse. It is built for work on smallholdings and in big gardens.

HELPFUL EYES ON THE ROAD



The cameraman found this roadside notice close to the entrance of Chessington Zoo, Surrey. The cats-eyes, in this case, were the white line reflectors in the middle of the road.



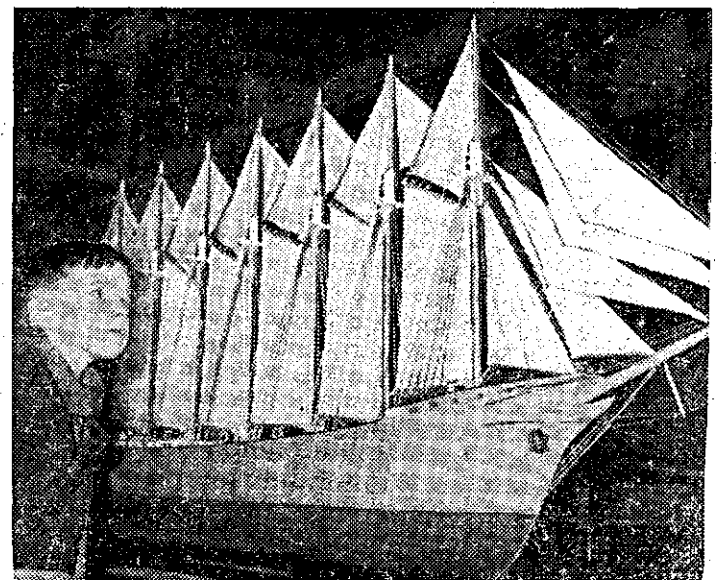
DOMES FOR A SCHOOL TELESCOPE

Boys of the Coopers' Company Grammar School at Bow, London, seen at work on the revolving astronomical dome they are building for their school telescope. When complete it will be mounted on the roof.

YOUNG FARMER ALL THE WAY FROM AMERICA



Here, on a farm near Cardiff, is one of eight young American farmers on an educational visit to Britain. Last year a similar party went from Britain to the U.S.A.



Old seven-master

London's Science Museum has a fine model of the schooner Thomas Lawson. Built at a Massachusetts shipyard in 1902 and lost in 1907 she is believed the only seven-master ever launched.

Doctor who made his home a vast museum

Sir Hans Sloane, who was born on 16th April just over 300 years ago, was a remarkable man in many ways, and particularly because of his passion for collecting.

A fashionable doctor in the London of William the Third and Queen Anne, he is remembered today because he used most of his great wealth in acquiring the amazing collection of books, plants, coins, and curios of all kinds which eventually led to the foundation of the British Museum.

HANS SLOANE was born in 1660 in the little Irish town of Killybegh, where his father was a collector of taxes.

He himself soon became a collector of plants. In those days herbs and all kinds of plants and flowers were used extensively in the treatment of illnesses, so there was a close link between his hobby and his chosen profession of medicine. When, at the age of 19, Hans Sloane arrived in London to pursue his studies, he was eager to visit the celebrated Physic Garden in Chelsea. Cultivated by the Society of Apothecaries, men who prepared and sold such "natural remedies," it covered nearly four acres.

Off to the West Indies

Eight years later, having studied medicine in Paris and Montpellier and taken his degree with honours, Hans Sloane travelled to the West Indies as physician to the Duke of Albemarle, who had been made Governor of Jamaica. He was naturally very excited. Now he could explore, as he put it, "All that was extraordinary in nature." And, of course, he could now add to his collection!

He even had dreams of recovering treasure from a Spanish galleon wrecked in the Caribbean. That never came to pass, but he did find treasure of another kind. When he came back to England three years later he brought 800 new plants, and detailed observations of strange birds, of flying fish and dolphins; of fruits, corals, and

shells hitherto unknown. He wrote two big books about them all.

He had been particularly interested, too, in the local custom of drinking chocolate, and in later life he brought out his own special milk chocolate, recommended for its "lightness on the stomach." It was advertised everywhere, with the warning: "What is not signed with my Name and sealed with my Arms is counterfeit."

Sir Hans Sloane soon became famous and wealthy. He was



made President of the Royal College of Physicians, President of the Royal Society, in succession to the great Sir Isaac Newton, and Physician Extraordinary to Queen Anne. Yet he would always help a patient who could not afford to pay. He was also a generous benefactor to hospitals.

As a rich man he was able to live in big houses. And he had need of them, for the rooms soon overflowed with his collections.

He was sometimes troubled

about what was to happen to all he had collected. When he moved to Chelsea in 1712, he put the worrying thought aside for the time being; he was more concerned with the precious Physic Garden. He gave the freehold of the land to the Society of Apothecaries, to be theirs for ever, at a trifling rent. The Society gave thanks by erecting a statue of him.

As Sir Hans Sloane grew older, so his collections grew larger and bigger. He was interested in everything—from the bones of an elephant to a petrified crab, from a Chinese woodcut to a stuffed camel.

Amazing collection

Visitors to his home were amazed at the sight of his 50,000 books, his 6,000 shells, 12,000 different seeds and roots, 32,000 coins and medals, 2,000 precious stones, over 1,000 birds and their eggs, 350 volumes of drawings, 1,200 fossils and flints, over 5,000 insects; the list seemed endless.

Sir Hans welcomed all-comers, though he was very annoyed when the composer Handel used one of his valuable books as a plate for a buttered muffin!

He lived to enjoy his treasures for a great number of years. He was 93 when he died. In his will he offered his collections to the nation, asking in return that £20,000 should be paid to his two daughters. What he had assembled was worth about five times as much. Yet there was much argument in Parliament, the Treasury protesting that England could not afford such extravagance.

Wisdom prevailed, however. In June 1753, five months after his death, his offer was accepted. Trustees were appointed and in the following year bought Montague House, Bloomsbury. It was opened as the British Museum in 1759.

ON RECORD

New discs to note

IVOR NOVELLO: *Memories* on HMV7EG8544. Julie Bryan, Marion Grimaldi, and Ivor Emmanuel give just the right rendering of this delightful music. *Fold Your Wings, Shine Through My Dreams, Rose of England, and Music In May* make ideal listening at any time. (EP. 10s. 7½d.)

MANTOVANI: *The Orange Vendor and In The Spring* on Decca F11216. The superb arrangements of Mantovani are so well known that they hardly need a recommendation. Both melodies are charming, and become irresistible when Mantovani himself adds the magic touch. (45. 6s.)

CLINTON FORD: *Goes Traditional* on Oriole EP7027. The Merseyside Jazz Band and Clinton Ford have great fun with four old songs, *I Wish't I Was In Peoria, Get Out And Get Under, Oh By Jingo, and Wana*. It is impossible not to join in and tap your feet. (EP. 12s. 3½d.)

KING BROTHERS: *Standing On The Corner* on Parlophone R4639. This is an extremely catchy tune from the new musical *Most Happy Fella*, and obviously



the King Brothers (seen above) have a successful record on their hands. This is one of those songs which is hard to forget. (45. 6s.)



FRANKIE AVALON: *Don't Throw Away All Those Tear-drops* on HMV45POP727. Avalon is a very popular young American singer who has had enormous success both with his records and with a newly-started film career. (45 6s. 4d.)

KINGSTON TRIO: *Here We Go Again* on Capitol T1258. These are three young Americans who specialise in folk music. They have been responsible for reminding

record-buyers of many an almost forgotten song, especially from North America and South America. This selection includes both familiar and not-so-familiar folk songs, among them *Molly Dee and Haul Away*. (LP. 32s. 2d.)

STRAUSS: *Die Fledermaus* on HMV 7EG8543. A splendid cast of singers from the Sadler's Wells Opera Company perform these extracts from the Strauss operetta including the opening chorus to Act 2, *What A Feast*. (EP. 10s. 7½d.)

WHITE RAJAH—the story of Sir James Brooke of Sarawak (1)

Few English travellers have had a stranger career than Sir James Brooke, who became a Rajah in Borneo. After travelling for some years

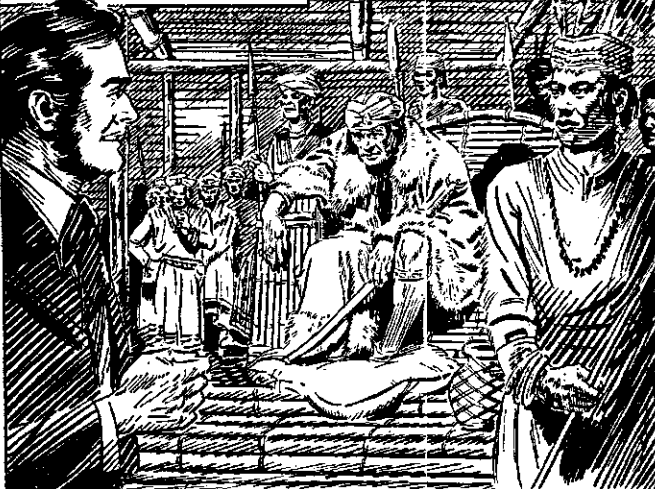
in the Far East, he bought a schooner and sailed for Borneo—then little known. He called at Singapore and was asked by some officials to visit

a Sarawak ruler named Muda Hassim, to thank him for help he had given to some shipwrecked British sailors.

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The Children's Newspaper, 16th April, 1960



THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings is intercepted by a master while attempting to collect a food parcel from his tuck-box after lights out. He pretends to be sleepwalking and goes to his classroom to give the impression that he imagines evening preparation to be in progress. Hoping to humour him and persuade him to return to bed without waking, Mr. Wilkins rings the dormitory bell, forgetting that when rung after lights out the bell is the signal for fire practice. He is sharply reminded of this by the headmaster as the fire drill gets under way.

15. False Alarm

By now the staircase was jammed from wall to banisters with a sleepy-eyed column of dressing-gowned figures yawning their way downstairs in response to the summons of the bell.

"There's only one thing we can do," Mr. Pemberton-Oakes decided. "We shall have to have a fire practice and let them go through with the drill as though we'd organised it on purpose. Roll call, inspection of premises—everything." His tone was curt as he added: "I do think, Wilkins, that you might have restrained yourself from sounding false alarms all over the building when

self facing a barrage of questions and comments.

"Sir, Mr. Wilkins, sir! Is it a practice or is it a real fire, sir?" shrieked Binns at the top of his penetrating voice.

"Or is it just Mr. Hind's pipe?" queried Rumbelow. "It often looks as though the place is going up in smoke when he's just getting it started."

"Be quiet, you two! Keep in line and don't chatter!"

"No, but which is it, sir?" Binns persisted. "You see, I've left my stamp album in my dorm, sir. I can't see any smoke or flames around these regions, but I was just thinking . . ."

"Well, don't think. Just do as you're told," snapped Mr. Wilkins.

"Jolly good fun, isn't it, sir?" Blotwell called down over the banisters. "I like coming downstairs again after lights out, don't you, sir?"

"Silence, there. Stop that idiotic prattle, Blotwell. You're causing a blockage on the stairs."

According to the rules of fire practice the masters dispersed to different parts of the building to attend to various duties. Mr. Wilkins and some of his colleagues went to the assembly hall to help the headmaster in carrying out the

thoughtfully. The boy had passed out of sight too quickly to be identified at such a distance. It was clear, however, that he had just come from the top floor . . . H'm! Dormitory 4, perhaps?

Still frowning thoughtfully, Mr. Carter climbed the next flight to carry out his investigations on the upper story.

Downstairs in the assembly hall the attendance register was being checked by Mr. Pemberton-Oakes. Seventy-eight boys were present: one boy failed to answer when his name was called.

The headmaster scribbled a question mark in red ink against the offender's name.

"Where is Jennings? Why isn't he here?" he demanded.

Puzzled glances

The question evoked no answer. The members of Dormitory 4 exchanged puzzled glances and Mr. Wilkins looked anxiously round the room as though hoping to find the offender concealed in some obscure corner.

At that moment the door opened and Jennings hurried in. There was no trace now of his glassy-eyed trance. Indeed, he looked particularly wide awake.

"Where have you been, Jennings?" asked the headmaster.

The boy hesitated. It would be asking for trouble to explain that he had taken advantage of the general disturbance to put Plan F into operation. Screened by the milling crowd in the corridors, he had slipped down to his tuck-box and up to his dormitory with a tin of lollipops and a home-made cake concealed beneath his dressing-gown. He had been hoping to complete the manoeuvre and reach the assembly hall before his name was called: it was most unfortunate that he had arrived two minutes behind schedule.

Smile of understanding

Mr. Pemberton-Oakes was still waiting for his answer. "Come along now, Jennings. I asked you a question. Why didn't you come down with the rest of the school when the bell went for fire drill?"

For a moment Jennings looked baffled. "Fire drill, sir?" he echoed blankly. And then a look of sudden comprehension passed over his features. His lips parted in a smile of understanding and his eyes opened wide. It was as though a light had been switched on in his brain. "Oh, I see, sir," he exclaimed. "I see it all now. So that was the bell for fire drill, after all."

It was the headmaster's turn to look puzzled. "Naturally. What else could it have been for?"

"Well, I heard some of the chaps say it was for fire practice,

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BACK FROM THE DEAD

It is strange to think that until 1930 Golden Hamsters were officially classified as extinct. Only fossilized remains proved they had ever existed.

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At that moment the door opened and Jennings hurried in

we've just got the boys settled for the night."

"I wouldn't have had it happen for anything. It was just an unfortunate accident," Mr. Wilkins waved his arms in apologetic circles. "It was just that boy, Jennings, you see. The trouble with him is . . ."

"Never mind the trouble with Jennings. At the moment we have enough trouble on our hands organising a quite unnecessary fire practice." Frowning with disapproval, Mr. Pemberton-Oakes turned and strode away to carry out the usual fire drill procedure in the assembly hall.

By now the head of the column had reached the bottom of the stairs and Mr. Wilkins found him-

roll call. Mr. Hind posted himself at the front door to act as liaison officer with the fire brigade if they should have to be summoned.

It was Mr. Carter's duty on these occasions to make sure that all the boys were safely downstairs and that no one had crept back into bed to resume his slumbers. Quickly and quietly he made a tour of the dormitories on the first floor. All was in order: doors and windows were shut, the rooms unoccupied. As he closed the door of Dormitory 6 behind him he caught a distant glimpse of a small figure sliding down the banisters in a furtive attempt to reach the ground floor unobserved. Mr. Carter stared after him



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WORLD OF STAMPS

New issues from the great Dominions

As I mentioned last week, Australia is planning to issue a stamp to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Girl Guides. Now comes news from Canada that a special stamp will be issued there next week for the same purpose.

The Girl Guides Association was founded in Great Britain by Lord Baden-Powell in 1909. Less



than a year later the first Canadian company was formed at St. Catharines, Ontario. Since then the movement has spread widely and Canada now has the third largest number of Guides in the world, exceeded only by Great Britain and the United States.

Canadian Guides claim another distinction, that of having the world's most northerly company. It is at Aklavik, in the North-West Territory, and has Eskimo girls among its members.

The design of the new stamp, printed in blue and gold, shows the Girl Guide badge. It is the work of an Ottawa artist, Mrs. Helen Bacon, who has been a teacher at the Ontario College of Art. She

became interested in stamps when a Canadian philatelist asked her to "write-up" part of his valuable collection. Writing-up—that is, giving details of the stamps' date of issue, watermark, design, and so on, on the album pages—proved so interesting that Mrs. Bacon decided to try her hand at stamp-designing.

The Girl Guide stamp is the second of her designs to be accepted by the Canadian Post Office.

ANOTHER well-known woman artist, Miss Margaret Stones, has designed five of the high value stamps now being used in Australia. All the designs show Australian flowers and the latest is the 2s. 5d. value, which depicts a banksia.

This tall shrub—some species reach a height of 50 feet—is named after Sir Joseph Banks, a naturalist who accompanied Cap-



tain Cook on his first voyage of discovery in the South Seas. They sailed from Plymouth in 1768 in the *Endeavour*, returning three years later.

It was during this voyage that Captain Cook and his men first saw kangaroos and gave the name Botany Bay to the part of Australia where they found so many new flowers and shrubs.

A HUNDRED years ago the Westland province, in the South Island of New Zealand, was



opened up by white 'settlers'. To mark the centenary three special stamps are to be issued in New Zealand next month.

Their designs show people typical of those who first went out from the Homeland to make their homes in the wild and mountainous regions of Westland. An explorer is shown on the 2d. stamp and on the 8d. value are a pioneer woman and her young daughter, with their wooden cottage in the background. The third stamp of the series shows a gold-digger, rich deposits of gold having been discovered in Westland by the early settlers. C. W. HILL

THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

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sir," Jennings went on. "Only I thought they must be pulling my leg because—because . . ."

"Well?"

"Because Mr. Wilkins had just told me it was the bell for the end of prep, sir."

Mr. Pemberton-Oakes winced and drew in his breath sharply. From behind him there came an unmusical sound such as might have been made by a novice on a coaching horn. It was Mr. Wilkins blowing his nose to cover his embarrassment.

Encouraged by his success, Jennings hastened on: "And you see, sir, I think I must have taken the wrong staircase by mistake to begin with. I was feeling . . ."

The headmaster held up a restraining hand. He had no wish to waste any more of his evening listening to long-winded explanations from muddle-headed little boys. The matter could well be investigated at a more convenient time. Accordingly, he dismissed the school without further comment and sent the boys back to their dormitories.

Darbishire jostled on the stairs until he had caught up with his friend. "What on earth has been

happening, Jen?" he demanded in a shocked whisper.

"It's all right, Darbi. I'll tell you later." Jennings glanced round to make sure that no masters were lurking within earshot. "The main thing is that I've got the cake and the lollipops. It was a new plan I thought of—Plan F."

But Plan F, like all the plans before it, was destined to end in failure; for as Mr. Wilkins stood watching the last of the stragglers ascending the stairs he was joined by Mr. Carter, who had just come from the staff room.

Mystery solved

"Ah, there you are, Wilkins. Situation under control?" he inquired. His colleague nodded.

"It was as well I carried out an inspection of the dormitories," Mr. Carter went on. "I found a large tin of lollipops and a cake under Jennings' pillow."

"What!" Mr. Wilkins jumped.

"Oh yes. And as I'm quite sure they weren't there when he went to bed I've solved the mystery of the so-called sleepwalking."

"Good heavens! So that's what . . ." For a moment words failed Mr. Wilkins. Then he said: "You confiscated them, of course."

"Naturally. They're in the staff room. All the same, I couldn't help feeling a certain degree of sympathy for Jennings when I thought of the endless trouble and hard work he'd been to."

"Dash it all, Carter, that's a nice thing to say," Mr. Wilkins protested. "What about the trouble I've had to put up with?"

Mr. Carter shook his head sadly as he started to climb the stairs. "He'll have to be punished, of course. All the same, I think I'll have a word with him before he goes to sleep and tell him what I've done with his property."

Mr. Wilkins snorted. "Punish him by all means, Carter. But why go to the trouble of explaining? It'd do him good to be kept guessing for a bit."

"I'm doing it to avoid trouble," Mr. Carter replied with a wan smile. "Things were bad enough when Jennings was merely trying to take some food upstairs to his dormitory. If on top of that he starts investigating the mystery of the disappearing lollipops, goodness knows what might happen."

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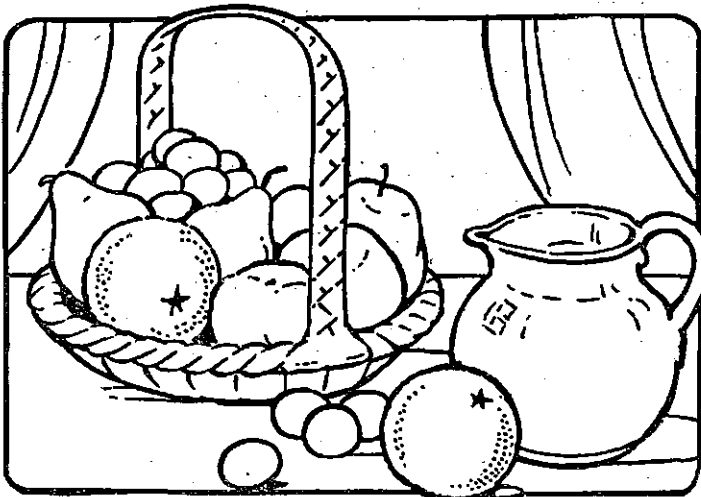
Can you rearrange the jumbled words below to form the names of six fruits and vegetables? When you have done so, rearrange the initial letters to form the name of another vegetable.

BCAGBEA; harids; ninoo; mootta; pgarsauas; bruhrab.

Names into names

Here are the names of four boys and four girls. Can you rearrange each name to form the name of a town in England?

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Add a letter

By putting the same letter four times in the correct places, the string of letters below can be broken into the names of four kinds of tree.

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First, find the names of the objects illustrated. When you have done so, take the initial letters and put them in the blank spaces to form a word square.

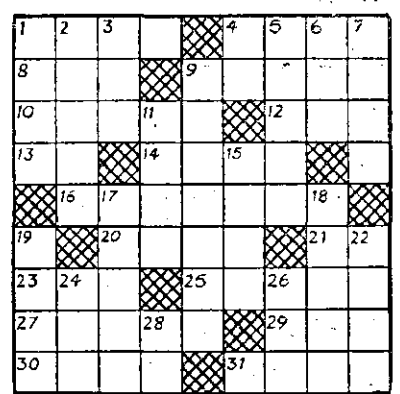
Out of place

Can you name the "odd man out" in each of the following groups?

WAGON, dray, jig, truck, tumbrel.
Salaam, haggis, croquette, gruel, rissole.

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Mark left after a wound. 4 Sign of some future event. 8 Unwell. 9 Male of the honey-bee. 10 Web-footed birds. 12 Poem. 13 Exclamation. 14 Musical composition. 16 Denied. 20 Helper or companion. 21 Western Australia. 23 Label. 25 Rimmed. 27 Uncovers. 29 Ancient. 30 French for Father. 31 Chums.
READING DOWN. 1 Wistful or mournful breath. 2 Unclouded. 3 Beverage. 4 Alternative. 5 Large deer. 6 Finish. 7 Want. 8 Delegates duties. 11 Couch. 15 Spent. 17 Live piece of coal or wood. 18 Reside. 19 Halt. 22 Totals. 24 Monkey. 26 Portuguese colony of western India. 28 Compass point.



Answer next week

Miss Parker's Easter surprise

ON Easter Day mummy and daddy went to church early, leaving Anne and Christopher to get breakfast ready, and Mr. Portly and Miss Parker sunning themselves.

Miss Parker was wondering whether Anne had found her ping-pong ball, lost last evening when they were playing on the terrace, when she spotted the bantam hen from next door pushing through the hedge into their garden again.

"And Anne only put her back again last night!" Miss Parker exclaimed. "I'm going to watch what she is up to!"

"No good ever comes of getting mixed up with bantams," Mr. Portly said warningly.

However, Miss Parker watched Mrs. Bantam go to ground under the lavender hedge along the terrace. Presently, out she came and went back home. At once Miss Parker hurried off to discover what she had been doing.

From the kitchen window Anne watched her cat scuffling in the lavender. "Miss Parker is looking for her ball, Christopher," she said. And at that moment out came Miss Parker, backwards, holding something in her forepaws. "My own ball!" she was mew-

ing angrily. "So Bantam took it last night and hid it!" And, rolling on her back with it still in her forepaws, she gave it a good kick with her strong hind claws.

Or it would have been a good kick had the round white thing been her ball and not Mrs. Bantam's egg. Instead, the shell split and dribbled the sticky inside all over her paws and tummy.

"Poor Miss Parker. An easy mistake to make," said Ann excusingly.

"I told you no good would come of it," said Mr. Portly.

Miss Parker was giving him such a look when Anne arrived to help, and to give them their real Easter eggs, which were little cardboard ones containing something nice to eat.

JANE THORNICROFT

Name this team

The letters in the words printed in *italics* can be rearranged to form the name of a First Division football club.

"Tom led the line splendidly last week, but he seems to be having an off day. He usually shines against such opposition, but has had few chances today because he is not being properly fed."

MIXED DOUBLES

IN each of the following pairs of numbered sentences, the blanks represent two words which sound alike but are spelt differently. Can you write them all correctly?

Answers are given in column 3

1. The cow is an animal which — the cud.
He had to — between duty and inclination.
2. Alice peeped — the keyhole.
I — the ball for my dog to retrieve.
3. You changed your mind at the eleventh —.
Leisure time is — own.
4. I lit the gas after putting some money in the —.
One — equals 39.37 inches.
5. He had breakfast in bed served on a —.
Gaiety was the chief — in her character.
6. One country declared — on its neighbour.
She — a pretty dress to go to the party.

This age of progress

SCHOOLBOY'S definition of the rush hour: The hour when traffic nearly comes to a standstill.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Greengrocery all mixed up. Cabbage; radish; onion; tomato; asparagus; rhubarb—rearranged to form **CARROT**. Add a letter. A—Ash; teak; alder; plane. Out of place. Jig—the others are means of transport. Salaam—the others are types of food. Names into names. Leicester; Harrogate; Manchester; Eastbourne; Lowestoft; Southend; Launceston; Oswestry. Name this team. Sheffield Wednesday. Easter egg puzzle. 1 Net; 2 egg; 3 tulip; 4 cars; 5 rabbit; 6 acorn; 7 ERA tree; 8 ass; 9 bridge. TAB

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FOOTBALL CUP FOR THE CUP HOLDERS

NEXT season, Europe will have a brand-new football competition run on knock-out lines similar to the European Cup.

It will be for the Cup holders from France, Italy, Western Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Spain, England, and Scotland.

Though it has still to be named, this "Cup of the Cup Holders" has created great interest among European Associations. The competition was devised by the French F.A., who were responsible for the introduction of the European Cup.

A French spokesman told a CN correspondent: "The successes of the European Cup and the Euro-

pean Inter-Cities Fairs Cup have caught the imagination of many of the Continent's "glamour" teams who wish to take part in a similar competition. We considered a meeting of all the respective Cup winners would prove most entertaining and should certainly attract big crowds."

Continental associations have long been anxious for closer relations in the international field, and it is likely that this season's English and Scottish Cup winners will be given permission to enter by the British authorities.

In their fathers' footer-steps

SOME years ago Jim Lewis, of Walthamstow Avenue, was chosen for England's amateur football team, and the reserve for his position was Harry Brown of Dulwich Hamlet. Recently, England's amateur left-wing was composed of their sons, Jim Lewis and Leslie Brown. Each of these young amateur internationals plays for his father's old team.

IAN HARRISON (20) of Cheltenham won the men's singles title in the English Open Table Tennis Championships the other day. He was the first Englishman to do so for 36 years!

A FOOTBALL LEAGUE for players under 18 is to be formed in the West Country next season. To be known as the Wessex Youth League, it will probably include teams from big clubs such as Cardiff City, Portsmouth, Southampton, and Reading; and also

SOCCER IN THE SNOW



Little doubt that football is one of the most popular games in the world. Even the young Eskimos in the Far North of Canada enjoy kicking about on the ice and snow.

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Challenge from Jetless Jennie

FOUR Scout Groups in South East London are throwing out a challenge to all other Scout Groups to compete in a Soap-Box Derby on Woolwich Common on 23rd July.

Although the Woolwich lads are still building their racing cars, names have already been given.

The 2nd Woolwich Group, which have their headquarters near Bostall Woods, are calling their's "The Bostall Flier"; the 8th, "The 8th Wonder"; the 34th (Herbert Road Methodist), "Erbert"; and the 38th, "Jetless Jennie."

The 38th Group have entered for the Scouts' national Soap-Box Derby for several years running.

Sports shorts

from Southern League clubs such as Bath City, Weymouth, and Yeovil Town.

BRITAIN is to compete in an international athletics meeting in Russia in July, when 19 countries are likely to take part.

THERE is a record entry of 468 competitors from 47 schools for the Public Schools Fencing Championships to be held at Holland Park School, London, from the 20th to 22nd of this month.

TOMMY SIMPSON of Doncaster has been chosen for the British team in the Tour de France in June. He finished third in the 613-mile cycle race from Genoa to Rome the other day, but he won the Grand Prix of the Mountains awarded to the best hill-climber in that race.

CYCLISTS FROM MANY COUNTRIES IN LONDON

RACING cyclists from many countries will be in London on Good Friday for the annual international meeting organised by the Southern Counties Cycling Union, at Herne Hill.

British riders will be competing with others from France, Belgium, Holland, West Germany, South Africa, Australia, and East Germany.

In the Champion of Champions race, a 750-yard sprint, Britain looks to Lloyd Binch of Nottingham, second in the event last year, and Karl Barton of Coventry.

Serious challengers are Karl Heinz-Peter, national sprint champion of East Germany; Melis Gerritsen, Dutch champion; and the Belgian champion, Leo Sterckx. It is expected that some 20 riders will take part, the eliminating heats whittling down the numbers to three for the final.

There will be particular interest in the 4,000-metres pursuit race, in which East Germany's team will comprise four men likely to represent their country in the Olympic Games.

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SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which soccer team plays on the Baseball Ground?
2. What have these terms in common: Eastern, Western, Continental?
3. Which sport is played on a diamond?
4. How does a cricket umpire signal a Wide?
5. Why is the R.A.F. station at Stanmore, Middlesex, important to athletes?
6. In which sport could you win a Black Belt?

1. Derby County. 2. They are all types of tennis rackets. 3. Baseball. 4. By extending both arms horizontally. 5. It is used for indoor athletics meetings. 6. Judo.

Sack-race with ponies



Merry and Penny Rampling, of Great Bentley, Essex, rehearse their sack-race tactics in preparation for the Gymkhana at Norwich on Thursday.

